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A MILL BONUS.

The Lippert correspondent to the *Viridian* Advance draws attention to the fact that there being no grist mill at Elkhorn, it is nearly impossible for farmers who are not within reasonable distance of *Viridian*, to get their grain ground in the winter, and this, of course, means great loss of money to the settlers in this district. Now in the year 1887, there was an agitation set on foot to secure a grist mill at this point, and it was proposed to grant a substantial bonus to any responsible man with sufficient capital who would come in and erect a mill sufficiently large to satisfy the demand of the trade. The matter was brought up, and was voted down. Those who voted against the movement claimed that the practice of bonussing industries that in themselves are highly remunerative, was unjust, and that new districts should be called upon to do so was lamentable. The argument was a strong one, and the consequence was, as we stated before, that the movement was voted down. Now this took place six years ago, and Elkhorn has no mill yet. As a writer at the time said, it means that as a market town, Elkhorn is a failure, it means that farmers will not be able to find a market here for their produce beyond a very limited quantity. It means that the wheat market remains in the hands of a giant monopoly. It means that we will never be more than a little one horse village of very little benefit to our magnificent surrounding country, with little or no prosperity or growth.

On the other hand it is very apparent that without a bonus we will get no mill. Other towns with natural advantages equal to ours are offering substantial bonuses, and no sane man will contend that capitalists will pass them by, and come here for nothing, it is not reasonable to expect it. There is no doubt that responsible parties would come here and build a first class mill if a bonus of, say, \$5,000 were given them when the mill is built and in running order.

The advantages to be derived from having this industry here, are too numerous to require mention in detail, and are apparent to any one. A market for wheat all the year round, a market for all classes of produce, a growing town in which to trade, enhanced value of all property in the district, and a certain means of attracting new settlers, are a few of them. The taxation would be very light, and be nearly all saved by the reduced rate for grinding, which would probably be given to the district.

It may be as well for ratepayers to bear in mind that at this time the burden of taxes is a very light one for them to carry. Besides the school tax in certain districts there is nothing whatever to pay except a small judicial tax, and therefore it is all the more reasonable to expect that ratepayers could bear the very small amount that their property would be assessed for this bonus.

After careful consideration we are satisfied that something of this sort should be put on foot, as necessary for our progress and best interests, and strongly advise every one to waive their scruples and work for the common good.

We shall be pleased to receive communications from those interested in this matter, either in favor of or against our proposal, and in order that the matter should receive all the consideration that it deserves, we would earnestly request that communications be written above the signature of the writer, as from personal observation we find that far more notice is taken when written thus, than when a "non de plume" is taken.

Joe Hess, the temperance lecturer, has received a stroke of paralysis.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

Mr. Richard Waugh, of the "North West Farmer" addressed the Institute on Saturday, when a fair audience was present. The chairman, Mr. W. Wood, gave out that the subject of the lecture would be, "Mixed Farming," but Mr. Waugh's address was confined almost exclusively to the cleaning of wheat and producing of crops free from weeds and smut. He spoke of Mr. Wm. Huff's speech at South Brandon on "smut," and claimed that the speaker was nothing of the subject, that he was "lecturing out," as he stated that there was no life or growth in the smut. The farmers had bought experience in the N. W. at a high price, and were now only receiving a fair return for their experience gained. Wheat alone is one of the easiest things to raise without experience, as long as there is cash or credit to back it up, but as soon as these have gone, wheat growing becomes difficult. The only perfect remedy for the wheat grower is mixed farming—farming mixed with wheat, and the help of providence. But if a farmer farms his wheat fields in an unscientific manner and finds it fail, neither will he be able to make money at dairying or raising stock. He will fail at that. When mixed farming is carried on, the agricultural product must still be wheat. The agriculturalists in Manitoba lost more by smut in 1881 and 1882 than by anything else. Mr. Waugh then explained very minutely the growth of smut, showing very clearly that it has life as a fungus has and that it is grown from a spore. He thought wheat should be thoroughly pickled in bluestone—if the seed is very smutty, put 1 lb to 7 bushels of grain, if fairly clean, 1 lb to 10 bushels will do. Bake the wheat well and turn it, so that every grain shall be well saturated. This, however, would not keep smut from crop, unless the field were clean. The next point was how could a field be kept clear of wild weeds such as buckwheat or pig weeds. The lecturer then gave his theory of how weeds grow, and the most effective manner of following. He also thought that farmers might learn more on these subjects by taking some good agricultural paper, and doing more "farming by the stove." The Secretary then read the following letter from the Central Institute: Brandon, Jan. 18th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,
I have the honor by direction of the Executive of the Manitoba Central Farmers' Institute, to present a statement on the binder twine question, and respectfully ask your Institute to pass a resolution upon the same, and forward to me at the earliest possible date. A year ago the Brandon City E. D. Institute without discussion passed the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this Institute the time has come when the duty on binder twine should be removed, and that the Central Institute be asked to petition the Dominion Government to the same. Owing to the death of the late Secretary, this matter was not pressed upon the Government as it should have been, and it is desirable that the matter should be again fairly placed before the Government, together with an expression of Manitoba farmers so far as that can be had."

The grades of twine in most common use last year were: (American) Pure Manitoba, Standard Mixed and 3rd Grade Manitoba, (Canadian) Blue Cap, Blue Tin Tag or Blue Ribbon, and Red Cap. A Committee of the Executive have examined, measured and weighed those grades, and give you last year's quotations for car lots.

(AMERICAN) NEW YORK FREIGHT.
Pure Manitoba 600 ft. to the pound 12 1/2c, or 600 ft. for 12 1/2c. 2nd Grade Manitoba 570 ft. to the pound, 11c, or 570 ft. for 12 1/2c. Standard Mixed 550 ft. to the pound, 10 3/4c, or 550 ft. for 12 1/2c.

(CANADIAN) MONTREAL FREIGHT.
Blue Cap 550 ft. to the pound, 12 1/2c, or 600 ft. for 15 3/4c. Red Cap 480 ft. to the pound, 11 1/2c, or 600 ft. for 14 1/2c.

Montreal freight is 50c per cwt. New York, \$1.00. The American quotations usually apply in Minneapolis with a freight of 60c, so that freights on American and Canadian will about equal. The only two grades in foregoing table that will compare in quality are American Standard Mixed 10 3/4c, per lb or 12 1/2c, for 600, and Canadian Blue Cap 12 1/2c, per lb or 15 3/4c, for 600, a difference of 3 1/4c, per 600 in favor of the American. Pure Manitoba on last year's quotations we believe the cheapest twine owing to its superiority, will be lowest in price. American quotations for 1893 show a reduction of 2 1/2c, on Manitoba, 11 1/2c on Standard Mixed or Pure Manitoba 600 10c Standard Mixed, 600 11 1/2c.

Canadian prices are withheld presumably to await the action of the Government re duty, but granting that they make a reduction, similar to Americans on Blue Cap of 1 1/2c per lb 600 would cost 13 1/4c, as compared with Pure Manitoba 10c, or in other words Manitoba is not yet subjected to a duty of 25 per cent, but by using Canadian twine for 1893 crop of say, 1,000,000 acres, allowing 2 1/2 lb to the acre, she will pay \$200,000 more for twine required than if allowed American twine duty free. We may say that the National Cordage Company controls all the Canadian twine and about half the American.

In the matter of the grading system you are also asked to say if it meets your approval. It has been suggested that grades be made permanent and closer, and that producers should have equal representation on the Grain Standards Board. The Executive also recommend that notice of each Institute meeting should be given to each member by post card. A sample is here enclosed.

Early action upon the foregoing will oblige,
Faithfully Yours,
R. A. LECHE,
Secy. N. C. F. I.

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. C. Freeman and seconded by Mr. J. McTear, and carried:
"That this meeting petition the Federal Government at Ottawa for the entire abolition of the duty on binding twine."
2. That this meeting suggest that a greater number of grades in wheat be made, and that they be permanent and closer. A vote of 24 thanks was tendered to the lecturer on motion of Mr. J. McTear and Mr. Carr Egan.

The expenses of the Brandon Experimental Farm last year amounted to \$10,974.77.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

If you know a man making a roaring success. At a thing you can't try without making a success. (Watch this metre.)

If his fellowmen always on him can depend, You must go and inform his acquaintance or friend.
He's a cheater.
If he holds an opinion, and argues it out, So that in the discussion, you're put to rout.
Oh, blank!

Don't own that you're wrong, and him self in the right, But back gently—out and take refuge in flight.
He's a crank.

If a man joins a friend at the Cavanagh Hotel, Except at the time when he hears the meal bell,
Or he's a snooty.
Be perfectly sure he'll drink whisky or gin.
Till the time he comes out, from the time he went in,
And he's boozey.

If one works all day long and well into the night, And starts again early as soon as its light.
When you're lary.

If he won't go and skate, and has no time to cur, And he saves up his money when courting his girl,
Then he's crazy.

If a man takes a pack of cards into his hat, And plays little games such as "pedro" or "whist,"
Or perhaps "Loo."

You should call him a gambler, or even a cheat.
He's not fit to talk to or pass on the street, Such as you.

You return from a carnival with your adored, And the judge for best costume declines to reward,
Your enlaver.

You feel quite indignant and angry because, The one who decided—whether it was—
Showed a favor.

When a scratch team of Sliden's, by excellent play Beat a team of four skips at the rink one fine day,
(Showed his pluck.)

You turn up your nose till it points to the sky, And exclaim (Nay) the skips could have won if they try,
'Twas their luck.

"BUT"

One of our exchanges has recently changed hands. The valletory of the former publisher says there is no doubt "but" that his successor will be successful in other words he would take no chance to suppose that he would take no chance to suppose that he would take no chance. It may be however that what he says is not what he means. It is probable that he has tripped on that common monosyllabic stumbling block. When writers, who really know better, come to metaphorically butt their intellectual heads against this innocent looking but treacherous little "but"—Begin Standard.

MAN AND HIS SHOES.

How much is man like his shoes? For instance, both a soul may lose. Both have been tanned; both are made tight.

By cobbler's; both get left and right. Both need a mate to be complete. And both are made to go on feet. They both need healing, oft are sold. And both in time will turn to mold. With shoes the last is first; with men The first shall be the last, and when the shoes wear out they're mended new. When men wear out, they're men dead too!

They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loth. Both have their ties, and both will lie, When polished, in the world to shine. And both get out. Now would you choose To be a man or be his shoes?

—Begin Standard.

PREPARING FOR SPRING.

"Jephtha," called Mrs. Jones from up stairs, "where is the tack hammer?" Mr. Jones was deep in a work on national politics and hated to be called off. But he stopped long enough to say: "It's wherever you left it when you used it last, m' dear."

Presently Mrs. Jones came down with a comb on her nose.
"I've looked under the bed and in all the clothespresses, and I can't find that miserable tack hammer."
"Have you whistled for it?" inquired Mr. Jones sarcastically.

"Oh, don't try to be funny, Jephtha. I want that tack hammer and must have it. Look in your secretary and see if it is there."
Mr. Jones laid his book upside down with care and began a search for the tack hammer which lasted far into the night, but without success. He barked his shins on step-ladders nearly brained himself on a hanging shelf, and at last tired out sat down to contemplate his ruin. Then Mrs. Jones asked in a cool, even voice: "Do you suppose it can be in the tool-box?"
"That's the last place where I should expect to find it," said the perspiring man as he went on another search spell.
"Well, I rum!" he exclaimed as he fished it out. "That's the wonder of the age. Here it is. Now, what are you going to do with the measly thing, Maria?"
"Nothing. I just wanted to have it handy for the spring housecleaning when it comes. It saves confusion to take time by the fustock. Don't you think so Jephtha?"
But Jephtha was madder than a wet hen. —Detroit Free Press.

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ADVERTISE IN THE ELKHORN ADVOCATE.



They are the shortest and briefest chronicles of the time. Monday, Feb. 11, 1913.

The C. P. R. will carry coal grain free this year.

Mrs. Deacon is starting break baking at the bakery again.

The Nepean school's are closed on account of measles.

Mrs. Beckingham spent Saturday with friends in Vienna.

A report reaches us, that the railroad fare to Chicago Fair will be \$25.00.

Mrs. Groulx has taken up her quarters at the hotel.

A new lady teacher, Miss McCleary, has arrived at the school.

Poets are getting so thick that we are seriously thinking of starting a "Poets' Bazaar."

The train from the west was cancelled on Friday last, and was twelve hours late on Sunday.

Mr. Richard Weng, of Winnipeg, lecturer for the Farmers Institute, called at our office on Saturday.

Rev. A. Andrews was elected Grand Conductor of the R. T. T. on Saturday night at the meeting of the Grand Council held in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

Just received, a consignment of Lake Winnipeg Whitefish at the Original Meat Market, next door to Broadley's Lumber Yard. T. D. Cavanagh.

A few days ago Mr. James Spitz, while looking after Mr. Broadley's horses, received a severe kick in the stomach. He is progressing favorably.

Mrs. Ellington arrived from Carberry on Thursday, and has taken up her abode with her husband in the house lately occupied by Mr. Kershaw.

The report that whisky was going up was a mistake. We have taken the trouble to inquire into the matter, and we find that it is still going down.—Regina Standard.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Haven's little girl is down with scarlet fever, and trust that she will soon recover. The family, who live in an isolated house on the south side of the track, have been quarantined.

Mrs. Sawyer and family are in distress again, and it seems that they are likely to be thrown on the hands of the charitable altogether. Perhaps the best thing to buy would be a ticket for the east.

Mrs. Tullies, who has occupied the Elkhorn Bakery during the present winter, removes on Tuesday to the house at the rear of the Cavanagh hotel, lately occupied by Mr. Vadden, where she will in future continue to bake bread for the hungry people of Elkhorn. See ad.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Gilbert, mother of B. B. Gilbert of Elkhorn. She died at her residence on Monday last, after a short illness. The funeral which was postponed from Tuesday, took place at the Elkhorn cemetery yesterday.

It is reported that a new store, to be known as the "Broadley Store," will be opened in the spring, the business is to be conducted on a strictly cash basis, and is to be carried on by Mr. Robert S. Mowat, late of R. M. Cooch & Co's establishment, and Mr. Frank Thomas.

The Brandon Times has changed hands, and the future will be managed by Messrs. W. Hunter of Brandon, Ont. and R. Hall of Brandon. Mr. J. M. Robinson, the late editor in chief and the founder of the paper will spend a year or two in the east, and the paper will, we understand, be edited by Capt. Murphy.

We are happy to announce that Mr. A. E. Aspinwall, who has been ill all this winter, and who has spent the last few weeks in the Brandon Hospital, arrived home on Tuesday last. He is looking well, and seems glad to be back once more amongst his friends. Mr. Aspinwall speaks with high praise of the care and treatment he has received from nurses and officials in the hospital.

We have received the eighth annual supplement of the "Commercial," a most valuable and interesting paper, containing 44 pages of interesting reading in magazine form, with views of Fort Garry in 1850 and Main St. Winnipeg, in the present day. Although this paper is primarily for commercial men, it will prove of the greatest interest to many farmers and others who are wishing to keep track of the markets and events in the commercial world.

We are informed on good authority that the bridge which was built across the Elkhorn creek last summer by the North-West Council, being situated on the correction line near Lippincott post office, is not considered safe, and grave fears are entertained as to whether it will stand when the ice breaks up in the spring. It seems that the middle uprights are rising with the expansion of the ice, and the pillars cross beams are being forced away from their supports.

What might have resulted in a serious conflagration, occurred on the day of our last issue at the house of Mr. Broadley. A barrel of kerosene, which had been removed to the outside and carelessly left standing in the barrel close by the side of the house. For three or four hours it smoldered, and finally broke out into a blaze. Fortunately, thanks to the presence of mind of Miss Pennington, the fire was discovered ere it did much harm, and by throwing a pail of water over the blaze it was extinguished, but not before it had burned a hole through the siding. If it had occurred during the night, or a strong wind blowing, not only the house but the English Church and parsonage might have been cremated.

"The Vindex Peripatetic Pagan" writes Hamilton Herald as follows: "One of the neighboring farmers, whose lucid intervals, in that they are few and far between, partake of the nature of angles vindex, shone under the moonlight, in his other intervals, that he is especially commenda-

tioned to capture the Elkhorn deprecator, who have hitherto so successfully kept on the blind side of the L. J. with the Scenic and the Prairie Monthly and patriotic end in view he boarded the westbound express train the other night, vowing the vindication of the Majesty of the Law and the recovery of the spoils of the Philistines. Should he be successful in his attempt, his services do doubt will be much in request as a member of the Provincial Police, or perhaps even by Plunkerton of Chicago.

The editor of "Parish and Home," in an article published in this month's issue, says: "Of course this paper was started and carried on for several months before we had any other paper printed in our town. During that time the local items were always of interest to every reader. Several have told me that they knew nothing of what was taking place in Elkhorn and neighborhood except what they heard from the Parish Magazine. A few months ago, however, the Elkhorn Advocate made its appearance in the shape of a neat, newsy little sheet which will compare favorably with any of the newspapers west of Winnipeg. The Advocate being a weekly publication has taken away a certain amount of interest with which our locals were first received. The Advocate has been, however, rather a help than a check to our Magazine. We do not in the least begrudge it the place it has taken in our midst; we welcome it amongst us as a friend, and trust that it may go on and prosper ever as it is doing."

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TRAVIS TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of the ADVOCATE:

DEAR SIR,—Although a "hotel man" I claim the same privilege as did the Rev. Mr. Talbot of expressing my views and opinions with reference to his pointed and, I consider, uncalled for remarks at the open meeting of the R. T. T., and also his letter written in the columns of your excellent paper in that particular occasion he being a minister of the gospel and delivering his oration in the cause of temperance, felt called upon to denounce all hotel men as being agents of the devil and gave an instance of how he felt to denounce him, while the pastor of a church, at a funeral, there happened to be one there (strange thing, was it not) However, his feelings, his claims, were such that he would have liked to have abused the man, or perhaps have questioned why he was there, but he reasoned with himself, "this is a true Christian spirit!" What conclusion he came to is unknown, but I will just here remark that on more than one occasion in this town, I have been my lot to meet this Rev. gentleman at funerals, and I believe I was there with just as much intention as himself. One thing I am certain of, I did not feel any unchristian spirit arising against any one there assembled to pay their last tribute to the departed. Probably hotel men, like persons, are not all as good as they might be, but if remarks such as the Rev. Mr. Talbot used, will have a tendency to improve either the hotel men or the cause of temperance, then my observations are off. There are channels where this zealous man might do good, if he were with just as much of his utterances and opinions in the cause of temperance, why does he strike at the fountain head instead of the middlemen? The Government of this country encourage the manufacture and sale of these liquors, so it is only a question of who shall handle them until such time as you people stamp out the manufacture of the same. I would hate, in this discussion, to over slip the bounds of propriety, but before concluding I will venture to state that if the Rev. gentleman is hunting for real, bona fide men to make impressions on, he won't have to go out side the pale of his own cloth and church to find them.

T. D. CAVANAGH.

"Hotel man."

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Thursday, Feb. 23, 1893.

A general earthquake would hardly stop the Mardi Gras masquerade at New Orleans. They are at it again and Shrove Tuesday, this month, will witness the regular lavish display of carnival diablerie. Mobile pre-empted New Orleans in this foolishness as far back as 1831, when the first parade of moving tableaux took place there; but since 1857 New Orleans has been the only city in this country where Mardi Gras festivities surpass those even of Florence and Rome. The New Orleans people pride themselves upon this fact and have also found the large expenditure of money upon the pageantry a most profitable business investment for the city.

The people of Russia are more terribly afflicted with the infirmity of blindness than any other people on the globe. It is said that there is an average of twenty-one blind persons to every 10,000 of population. In 1886, according to official figures, there were 189,872 totally blind people in European Russia, the Caucasus and Poland. In Poland there are twenty-five blind men for every fourteen blind women, and the same percentage holds good over the most of Russia in Asia.

Since the introduction of electricity in the street-railroads in Canada and the United States, the industry of raising large horses in the eastern provinces is said to be disappearing, because there is no demand for this kind of horses. The change has reduced the prices of horses in Canada and has depressed financially many who were engaged in raising horses.

Since the burial of Mr. Blaine's body at Oak Hill cemetery, vandals and curiosity-seekers have turned out in such force that it has been necessary to place a guard at the grave in order to prevent it being stripped of the flowers placed upon it. Women are the chief offenders. All of the visitors are not of the same type, however, and many admirers of the dead statesman have brought floral tributes to be laid upon the grave.

If the legal order of the Halifax Herald is well founded, Mr. Whitney and his associates in the Nova Scotia coal deal will hereafter be likely to feel a new interest in the good health and well-being of Queen Victoria. According to that authority, the title of the province to the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia reverts to the crown eighteen months after the death of the reigning sovereign. That being the case, Mr. Whitney's title to the Cape Breton mines can be no better than that of the province, and, despite the long lease granted him, it must expire within a year and a half after the death of the Queen.

The European outlook for emigrants this year to the United States does not appear to be very encouraging, judging from recent despatches. There are at present some thousands of intending emigrants at Hamburg to whom British steamboat companies sold tickets, a charge on the public charities, whom they have refused to transport, owing to the stringent quarantine regulations of the United States government. Of course their passage money will be returned but this will not have the effect of preventing such suffering and hardship to many of those unfortunate people, who had left their homes, and were a long way on their journey to the States when stopped, finding themselves with money spent and not enough left to take them back to their respective homes. It is thought that some twenty thousand emigrants from Russia, Austria and Hungary, will find themselves similarly stranded at German ports, unless prompt steps are taken to prevent their settling out from home. As an act of humanity apart from any other consideration action should be taken to put intending emigrants in possession of the fact, namely, the existence of the quarantine enactment of the United States government, which shuts practically its doors to all emigrants for the time being. Now is Canada's opportunity to get her share of the overplus population of older countries. Let her be up and doing.

Smugglers of whisky seem to be doing a roaring trade in the lower St. Lawrence. The barefaced and daring manner in which these "professionals" practice their "art," has caused no little awakening, and no small share of alarm to the Dominion customs authorities, the result being that a steam schooner has been withdrawn from her winter quarters and sent to duty against these infringers of the custom laws. No doubt any she lays hands upon, will meet with the full penalty due to such an offence.

The Pope has recently conferred the cardinal's hat upon Dr. Kopp, of Breslau and Dr. Kremery, of Cologne, both of whom are Germans, and have gone to Rome to interview his holiness before assuming the duties of their new offices. On their return, Emperor William will give, it is stated, a state dinner, at which the cardinals and other leading clerics will be present, when the Emperor will be informed of the attitude of the Vatican towards the German Army bill. It is likely some influence will be brought to bear on these prelates to induce the Roman Catholic deputies to vote with the government coalition, in the Reichstag so as to ensure the Army Bill becoming law.

"Man a Fool."
Wife—(To her husband) "Tell me, hubby, what did you think of the Mock Parliament of the ladies in the Elkhorn the other night? wasn't it splendid? weren't they lovely?"
Husband—"I didn't think of it at all."
Wife—"Why did you not think of it?"
Husband—"Because there was nothing to think about."
Wife—"There you are again, you men can never understand the simplest performance of women, you are all so stupid, it is no wonder that one of the speakers said it was because man was a fool that woman was made to keep company with him."
Husband—(Exit scratching his head) "I never thought of that. I think man is decidedly foolish."

First Wheat in America.
The first wheat raised in the new world was sown in the island of Ithaca in January, 1494, and on March 30 the ears were gathered. The foundation of the great wheat industry of America is said to have been three grains carried into that country by one of the slaves of the Cortes company. The first crop of wheat raised in Canada was sown by a monk in the garden of a convent at Mont. Garellas affirms that up to 1658 wheat bread had never been used as an article of diet by the people of Peru.

It has been decided to put a new steamship next season on the route between Montreal and Jamaica to be run in conjunction with the fruit trade. Two boats will be run regularly.

A recent despatch announces the sudden death of Sir Charles Lewis in London. Sir Charles was formerly a member of parliament, having represented Londonderry and South Antrim.



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